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OUTRAGED HUNTERS POINT RESIDENTS DEMAND GAVIN NEWSOM FIRE TETRA TECH

Environmentalists Join Hunters Point Residents' Demand That Newsom Rescind State Contract with Tetra Tech to Clean Up Butte County Camp Fire Debris

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WHAT: Press Conference. Hunters Point residents demand Governor Gavin Newsom rescind recent contract made with the scandalized company TETRA TECH by the State Environmental Protection Agency's (Cal-EPA's) Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), the largest such contract in California's history.

WHEN: **Monday, January 21, 2019, MLK Day, 3:00 pm.**

WHERE: California State Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, CA

WHO: Residents will be joined at the press conference by community leader Christopher Muhammad of the Nation of Islam, former Black Panther leader Elaine Brown and Attorney Charles Bonner, who represents over 3,000 Hunters Point Plaintiffs in their \$27 Billion lawsuit filed against Tetra Tech last year for its fraudulent reports that it had cleaned up a portion of the Shipyard. The residents' demand is supported by renowned environmental and medical leaders, including Dr. Ahimsa Sumchai, Environmental Scientist Wilma Subra, Dr. Rupa Marya, Epidemiologist Mark Alexander, Green Action leaders Bradley Angel and Marie Harrison, Dr. Ray Tompkins.

Newsom, who had barely been sworn in as Governor when he appointed Jared Blumenfeld to head the Cal-EPA Agency, was a pivotal player in the deal the City of San Francisco made when he was Mayor with mega-housing developer Lennar to construct more than 10,000 housing units on the Shipyard. The Navy then engaged Tetra Tech to clean up the Superfund site for the Lennar development. Late last year, the Shipyard's first homeowners sued Lennar, and now the Navy itself and the Department of Justice have sued Tetra Tech for its dangerously fraudulent practices. More, Congressional House Speaker Nancy Pelosi recently echoed residents' outrage, stating, "We are concerned that Tetra Tech continues to receive contracts amidst ongoing Department of Justice whistleblower lawsuits into their fraudulent work at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard." The Cal-EPA/CalRecycle contract with Tetra Tech was flagrantly entered into even as the U.S. Department of Justice filed its lawsuit against Tetra Tech. To add insult to injury, CalRecycle, headed by Scott Smithline, recently issued a statement arrogantly defending its choice of Tetra Tech. This contract is an insult to residents who remain fearful for their very lives over the radiated Shipyard given the unusually high incidences of cancer, cancer deaths, respiratory diseases, and other medical conditions among Hunters Point residents that scientists and doctors have indicated are caused by the Shipyard's radiation and other toxic releases. Hunters Point residents send out a warning to Butte County fire victims to beware of Tetra Tech's practices.

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